

# NHSC SiteLink

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Uniting Communities in Need  
With Clinicians Who Care

## Dear NHSC Friends:

The NHSC SiteLink is your community connection to up-to-date resources and materials that can help you better serve your communities. It delivers information about NHSC opportunities, program issues, community development, practice tips, and health delivery models. It keeps you informed of upcoming events and offers answers to frequently asked questions. Your questions and feedback are important to us.

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### Update Your Approved Vacancy!

By keeping your vacancy information up-to-date, you increase your chances of getting the right clinician for your community. The Automated Vacancy Notification System, launched during the third week of April by the NHSC, is a new tool to help you do just that! Every week you will receive an e-mail message asking if you have filled your approved vacancy. You need to reply only if the vacancy has been filled.

It is in your best interest to update your vacancy information. Using the Automated Vacancy Notification System to prompt your update will make the process fast and easy. Streamline your efforts by taking advantage of this resource. For additional information, please contact the NHSC Community Support Branch at (301) 594-4165.

### Expanding the Primary Care Knowledge Base

The Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration, in partnership with the Johns Hopkins Primary Care Policy Center for the Underserved and the National Center for Primary Care at Morehouse School of Medicine, has announced an opportunity for health centers to participate in the Sentinel Centers Network (SCN). The goal of the SCN is to develop a national research network of primary care service delivery units serving vulnerable populations. Through collecting data and conducting research on community-specific health issues, the SCN will help identify information gaps and research evaluation needs in relevant policy and practice areas. All questions should be directed to Sophia Kazakova, project coordinator, at [Skazakov@jhsph.edu](mailto:Skazakov@jhsph.edu). See the attached file for more information and an application.



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## Is There a Miracle Worker in Your Community?

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation wants to recognize that person and help the miracle happen through its Community Health Leadership Program (CHLP). Every year, CHLP awards \$100,000 to 10 remarkable leaders working with vulnerable populations, which includes a \$5,000 personal stipend and \$95,000 for program enhancement. The award money is intended to sustain and strengthen these individuals and their programs.

Nominations are requested from people who are involved with the nominee's work and have been personally inspired by his or her leadership and commitment. Call (617) 426-9772 for more information.

### Don't Miss These Grant Opportunities

The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting grant applications for planning efforts that support treatment in Native American communities. Up to 10 grants will be awarded under CSAT's American Indian and Alaskan Native Community Planning Program. **Deadline for applications is July 10, 2001.** Contact María E. Burns at (301) 443-7611.

The National Library of Medicine is funding health-related organizations to help them provide Internet access to their professional staff and clients. Under its Internet Connection grants program, single institutions can receive up to \$30,000 and group institutions up to \$50,000 to support development of a multi-institution network. **Letters of intent are due May 25, 2001.** Visit the Web site at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-LM-01-002.html>. You can also contact Valerie Florance, Ph.D., at (301) 496-4223 or Hussain A. Baseer at (404) 639-4265.

### Mark Your Calendars

May 26–31, 2001, Anaheim, California. American Academy of Physician Assistants's 29th Physician Assistant Conference. For information, call (703) 836-2272 or visit the Web at <http://www.aapa.org/anaheim.html>.  
May 29–June 1, 2001, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico. 59th Annual U.S.-Mexico Border Health Association Meeting. Call Iveliesse de Ororbía at (301) 443-3228 or visit the Web at <http://www.usmbha.org/annualmeeting/annualmeeting.asp>.